



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A booklet maker, comprising:
a reciprocating pivotable collecting device including two supporting sides formed with a saddle shape; and
a reciprocating transferring device including a displaceable clamping component, wherein the transferring device reciprocates along a non-linear path to deliver a folded sheet material to the collecting device, and the collecting device pivots to receive the folded sheet material from the transferring device such that different portions of the folded sheet material are supported by different sides of the two supporting sides of the collecting device,

wherein the supporting sides are arranged on opposite sides of the collecting device and wherein the reciprocating pivotable collecting device reciprocatingly pivots about an axis positioned between the two supporting sides.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The booklet maker of claim 1, wherein the supporting sides converge at a supporting edge.

4. (Previously Presented) A booklet maker, comprising:

a pivotable collecting device including two supporting sides formed with a saddle shape;

a reciprocating transferring device including a displaceable clamping component, wherein the transferring device reciprocates along a non-linear path to deliver a folded sheet material to the collecting device, and the collecting device pivots to receive the folded sheet material from the transferring device such that different portions of the folded sheet material are supported by different sides of the two supporting sides of the collecting device; and

a collecting drive for clamping a portion of the folded sheet material against a supporting side and for advancing the portion along the supporting side.

5. (Previously Presented) A booklet maker, comprising:

a pivotable collecting device including two supporting sides formed with a saddle shape; and

a reciprocating transferring device including a displaceable clamping component, wherein the transferring device reciprocates along a non-linear path to deliver a folded sheet material to the collecting device, and the collecting device pivots to receive the folded sheet material from the transferring device such that different portions of the folded sheet material are supported by different sides of the two supporting sides of the collecting device,

wherein the transferring device comprises:

an arm; and

a fixed clamping component, wherein the folded sheet material is delivered to the collecting device by clamping a portion of the folded sheet material between the displaceable and fixed clamping components and by moving the arm along the non-linear path.

6. (Original) The booklet maker of claim 1, wherein the transferring device is configured to simultaneously secure different portions of the folded sheet material against different supporting sides.

7. (Original) The booklet maker of claim 1, comprising:
a folding device for establishing a fold in a trimmed sheet material to create the folded sheet material.

8. (Original) The booklet maker of claim 7, comprising:
a cutting device for cutting an original sheet material to create the trimmed sheet.

9. (Original) The booklet maker of claim 8, comprising:
an input feed device for delivering an original sheet material to the cutting device from an input tray.

10. (Original) The booklet maker of claim 9, wherein the input tray is at least one of formed as and connected to an output tray of a printing device.

11. (Original) The booklet maker of claim 1, comprising:

a hole punching device for creating a hole in the folded sheet material.

12. (Original) The booklet maker of claim 1, comprising:

a stapling device for stapling the folded sheet material after the folded sheet material is received by the collecting device.

13. (Original) The booklet maker of claim 8, comprising:

a processing unit for at least one of storing and generating individual sheet information, wherein the processing unit controls the cutting device to cut the original sheet material based on the individual sheet information.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of making booklets, comprising the steps of:

clamping a folded sheet material with a reciprocating transferring device;
delivering the folded sheet material to a reciprocating pivotable collecting device along an arc established by movement of the transferring device, the folded sheet material being deposited over a supporting edge of the collecting device such that a fold of the folded sheet material is received by the supporting edge; and
pivoting the collecting device about an axis positioned between two supporting sides of the collecting device such that different portions of the folded sheet material are received by different supporting sides of the collecting device.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the collecting device pivots to receive the folded sheet material such that: a first portion of the folded sheet material is received on a first supporting side of the collecting device, and a second portion of the folded sheet material is received on a second supporting side of the collecting device.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, comprising the step of:
folding a trimmed sheet material to form a folded sheet material.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, comprising the step of:
cutting an original sheet material to create a trimmed sheet.

18. (Original) The method of claim 14, comprising the steps of:
transferring additional folded sheet materials individually to the collecting device along the established arc; and
pivoting the collecting device to receive each folded sheet material such that a stack of folded sheet materials is formed on the collecting device.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein an inner fold edge of each additional folded sheet material is received by an outer fold edge of a previously received folded sheet material.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, comprising the step of:
stapling the stack of folded sheet material.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for making booklets, comprising:

a folding device;

a pivotable collecting device, the collecting device being saddle-shaped with two opposing sides;

a rotatable transferring device including a displaceable clamping component, wherein the transferring device delivers a folded sheet material to the collecting device along a non-linear path, and the collecting device pivots about an axis positioned between two supporting sides of the collecting device to receive the folded sheet material from the transferring device such that different portions of the folded sheet material are supported by opposing sides of the collecting device; and

a collecting drive for clamping a portion of the folded sheet material against the collecting device and for advancing the portion along a side of the collecting device.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~The A system of claim 21~~ for making booklets, comprising:

a folding device;

a pivotable collecting device, the collecting device being saddle-shaped;

a rotatable transferring device including a displaceable clamping component, wherein the transferring device delivers a folded sheet material to the collecting device along a non-linear path, and the collecting device pivots to receive the folded sheet material from the transferring device such that different portions of the folded sheet material are supported by opposing sides of the collecting device; and

a collecting drive for clamping a portion of the folded sheet material against the collecting device and for advancing the portion along a side of the collecting device,

wherein the transferring device comprises:

a rotatable arm; and

a fixed clamping component, wherein the folded sheet material is delivered to the collecting device by clamping a portion of the folded sheet material and by rotating the rotatable arm.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the transferring device at completion of movement in a first direction along the non-linear path places a first clamping component of the transferring device on a first supporting side of the collecting device and a second clamping component of the transferring device on a second supporting side of the collecting device to clamp the sheet on the collecting device

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the first clamping component is fixed and the second clamping component is displaceable along an axis of the transferring device from a disengaged position to an engaged position to clamp the sheet on the collecting device.

25. (Currently Amended) The A system of claim 21 for making booklets,
comprising:

a folding device;

a pivotable collecting device, the collecting device being saddle-shaped;
a rotatable transferring device including a displaceable clamping component,
wherein the transferring device delivers a folded sheet material to the collecting
device along a non-linear path, and the collecting device pivots to receive the folded
sheet material from the transferring device such that different portions of the folded
sheet material are supported by opposing sides of the collecting device; and

a collecting drive for clamping a portion of the folded sheet material against
the collecting device and for advancing the portion along a side of the collecting
device,

wherein the collecting drive moves from a first disengaged position to a second engaged position during the pivoting of the collecting device, and

wherein an advancing element is spaced apart from a first side of the collecting device in the disengaged position and the advancing element applies pressure to the first side of the collecting device in the engaged position.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the advancing element is a tire mounted on a rotatable shaft.

27. (Previously Presented) The booklet maker of claim 4, wherein the collecting drive moves from a first disengaged position to a second engaged position during the pivoting of the collecting device, and wherein an advancing element is spaced apart from a first side of the collecting device in the disengaged position and the advancing element applies pressure to the first side of the collecting device in the engaged position.

28. (Previously Presented) The booklet maker of claim 27, wherein the advancing element is a tire mounted on a rotatable shaft.

29. (Previously Presented) The booklet maker of claim 5, wherein the transferring device at completion of movement in a first direction along the non-linear path places the fixed clamping component of the transferring device on a first supporting side of the collecting device and the displaceable clamping component of the transferring device on a second supporting side of the collecting device to clamp the sheet on the collecting device.

30. (Previously Presented) The booklet maker of claim 29, wherein the displaceable clamping component displaces along an axis of the arm from a disengaged position to an engaged position to clamp the sheet on the collecting device.

31. (Previously Presented) A method of making booklets, comprising the steps of:

clamping a folded sheet material with a reciprocating transferring device;
delivering the folded sheet material to a pivotable collecting device along an arc established by movement of the transferring device, the folded sheet material being deposited over a supporting edge of the collecting device such that a fold of the folded sheet material is received by the supporting edge;
pivoting the collecting device such that different portions of the folded sheet material are received by different supporting sides of the collecting device, wherein

the collecting device pivots to receive the folded sheet material such that: a first portion of the folded sheet material is received on a first supporting side of the collecting device, and a second portion of the folded sheet material is received on a second supporting side of the collecting device, and

clamping the folded sheet material on the collecting device with the transferring device, wherein at completion of movement in a first direction along the arc, a first clamping component of the transferring device is positioned on the first supporting side of the collecting device and a second clamping component of the transferring device is positioned on the second supporting side of the collecting device to clamp the sheet on the collecting device.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the first clamping component is fixed and the second clamping component is displaceable along an axis of the transferring device from a disengaged position to an engaged position to clamp the sheet on the collecting device.

33. (Previously Presented) A method of making booklets, comprising the steps of:

clamping a folded sheet material with a reciprocating transferring device;
delivering the folded sheet material to a pivotable collecting device along an arc established by movement of the transferring device, the folded sheet material being deposited over a supporting edge of the collecting device such that a fold of the folded sheet material is received by the supporting edge;

pivoting the collecting device such that different portions of the folded sheet material are received by different supporting sides of the collecting device

transferring additional folded sheet materials individually to the collecting device along the established arc;

pivoting the collecting device to receive each folded sheet material such that a stack of folded sheet materials is formed on the collecting device; and

clamping the folded sheet material on the collecting device with the transferring device, wherein at completion of movement in a first direction along the arc, a first clamping component of the transferring device is positioned on the first supporting side of the collecting device and a second clamping component of the transferring device is positioned on the second supporting side of the collecting device to clamp the stack of folded sheet material on the collecting device.

34. (Currently Amended) The A method of making booklets ~~claim 33~~, comprising the steps of:

clamping a folded sheet material with a reciprocating transferring device;
delivering the folded sheet material to a pivotable collecting device along an arc established by movement of the transferring device, the folded sheet material being deposited over a supporting edge of the collecting device such that a fold of the folded sheet material is received by the supporting edge;

pivoting the collecting device such that different portions of the folded sheet material are received by different supporting sides of the collecting device

transferring additional folded sheet materials individually to the collecting device along the established arc;

pivoting the collecting device to receive each folded sheet material such that a stack of folded sheet materials is formed on the collecting device; and

clamping the folded sheet material on the collecting device with the transferring device, wherein at completion of movement in a first direction along the arc, a first clamping component of the transferring device is positioned on the first supporting side of the collecting device and a second clamping component of the transferring device is positioned on the second supporting side of the collecting device to clamp the stack of folded sheet material on the collecting device,

wherein the first clamping component is fixed and the second clamping component is displaceable along an axis of the transferring device from a disengaged position to an engaged position to clamp the sheet on the collecting device.